

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for feeding paper webs and the like, for producing cardboard tubes, characterized in that it comprises a plan modular structure ~~(1)~~ with a development mostly longitudinal and exhibiting two opposite surfaces ~~(1a, 1b)~~, one ~~(1a)~~ of said surfaces supporting pairs of shafts or axes ~~(2, 2')~~ horizontally oriented parallel to said one surface and located at a preset distance from the ground, each of said shafts or axes ~~(2, 2')~~ intended to support at least a reel ~~(3, 3')~~ from which a paper web unwinds, so that the output webs run parallel and superimposed to each other along the other surface ~~(1b)~~ of the structure, and in that it comprises automatic means, associated with said structure ~~(1)~~, for the cutting and mutual gluing of the webs which unwind from two different reels ~~(3, 3')~~ of a same pair of shafts ~~(2, 2')~~.

2. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that the said structure ~~(1)~~ has a plurality of slits or windows ~~(10)~~ through which the said webs can pass from the side of a surface ~~(1a)~~ to the side of the other surface ~~(1b)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to ~~one or more preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that it comprises means associated with said structure ~~(1)~~ for guiding said webs.

4. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to ~~one or more preceding claims~~ claim 1,

characterized in that it comprises means associated with said structure ~~(1)~~ for the ventral gluing of a portion of said webs.

5. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to ~~one or more preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that it comprises means for adjusting the tension of the webs which run along said surface opposite to that ~~(1a)~~ that supports the said shafts ~~(2)~~.